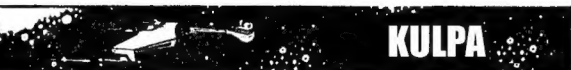


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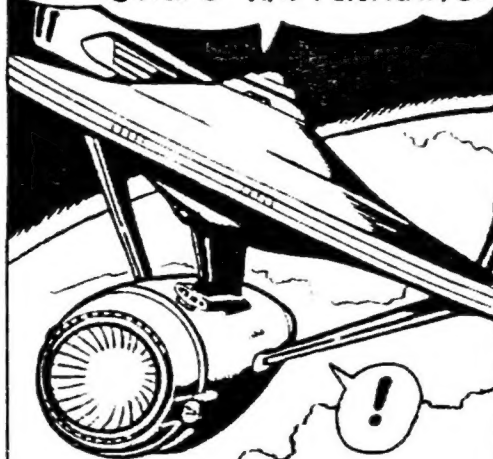


KULPA

... *SENSORS* HAVE PICKED UP THE AURA OF A NEW, DEVELOPING *CARTOONIST*! ...AND HE'S *INTERESTED* IN WORKING WITH *US*!

DOES HE DEAL IN *COMIC STRIPS*, MR. SPOCK?

COMICS ARE HIS *PRIME INTEREST*... WITH *CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE* IN DAILY COMIC STRIPS-- *AND PORTRAITS*!



PORTRAITS... 'WONDER WHAT HE'D DO WITH THOSE *EARS* OF YOURS, SPOCK...

GENTLEMEN... WITH A COMBO OF SKILLS LIKE THAT... HE MAY BE OF *HELP* TO OUR *FEATURE*!

'ER...WHAT'S HIS *NAME*?



CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 9620: YESTERDAY A THIEF ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE STOLE ONE OF OUR SHUTTLECRAFT. THE THEFT REMAINED UNDETECTED FOR HOURS, BECAUSE THE THIEF HAD DRUGGED THE DUTY OFFICER AND APPARENTLY KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT THE ENTERPRISE TO AVOID ALERTING THE REST OF THE SHIP.

"THE MEDICAL STAFF HAS FAILED TO REVIVE THE DUTY OFFICER, SO I HAD DR. MCCOY PAGED--BUT HE HASN'T RESPONDED..."

GERRY CONWAY and DICK KULPA

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...AND THE DOOR TO HIS QUARTERS IS SEALED SHUT WITH A NEW COMPUTER CODE... SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ORDER A PRIVACY OVERRIDE.

GO AHEAD... BURN IT DOWN!

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ZZAMM

ZZAMM

BONES, ARE YOU IN THERE?

ALL CLEAR, ADMIRAL KIRK, SIR--IT'S EMPTY!

GERRY CONWAY and DICK KULPA

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BUT IF DR. MCCOY ISN'T HERE... AND HE'S NOT ANYWHERE ELSE ON BOARD... THEN WHERE IS HE?

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OVER HERE, SIR... LOOKS LIKE A SEALED MESSAGE DISC!

MARKED FOR ADMIRAL'S EYES ONLY!

U.S.S. ENTERPRISE CONFERENCE ROOM:

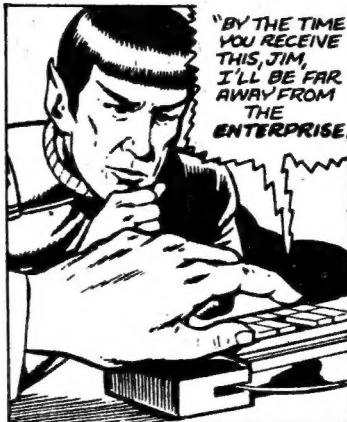
... THAT'S
THE
SITUATION:

DR. MCCOY HAS DISAPPEARED,
AND THIS MESSAGE DISC HE
LEFT IN HIS CABIN
EXPLAINS WHY.



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"BY THE TIME
YOU RECEIVE
THIS, JIM,
I'LL BE FAR
AWAY FROM
THE
ENTERPRISE..."



FASCINATING.

"... AND UNLESS A MIRACLE
OCCURS, NOT VERY LONG
FROM NOW, I'LL BE
DEAD."

GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULP

"I'M SORRY IF THAT
SOUNDS MELODRAMATIC,
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH!"

BY MY ESTI-
MATION, I
HAVE PERHAPS
SIX WEEKS
TO LIVE...



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... A LITTLE MORE, A
LITTLE LESS, DEPEND-
ING ON HOW QUICKLY
THIS INFECTION
SPREADS.

I'M RECORD-
ING THIS DISC TO
EXPLAIN WHY
I'VE CHOSEN TO
DISAPPEAR
RATHER THAN
SEEK YOUR
HELP.



GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULP



TO PUT IT BLUNTLY,
JIM, IF I STAYED I'D
BE RISKING THE LIFE
OF EVERY MAN AND
WOMAN ABOARD THE
ENTERPRISE!

DR. MCCOY'S LOG:

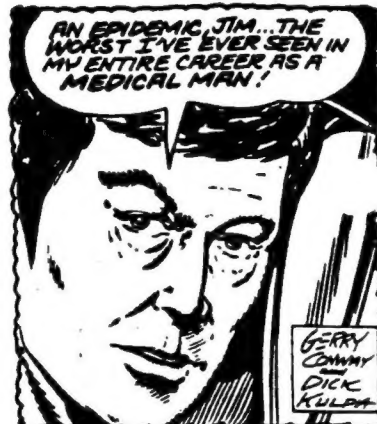


"YOU REMEMBER CIRCE-SIX, JIM-- TWELVE DAYS AGO, WE ANSWERED A MEDICAL DISTRESS CALL FROM THE COLONY GOVERNOR...
...THE PLANET WAS OVERRUN BY AN EPIDEMIC OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN..."

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DR. MCCOY'S LOG:

WHATEVER DISEASE STRUCK
HERE ON CIRCE-- SIX, IT MUST
BE THE MOST VIRULENT
EVER RECORDED.

THIRTY
THOUSAND
COLONISTS...

...WIPE
OUT IN
LESS
THAN
TWO
MONTHS.

THAT'S
ONLY AN
ESTIMATE,
OF COURSE,
BUT I'D
STAKE MY
MEDICAL
REPUTA-
TION ON--

OWWWW!

MCCOY, WHAT'S
WRONG-- YOU
JUST CRIED OUT--!

DID I? I
MUST HAVE
JUST BEEN
STARTLED
... SEEING
ALL THESE
BODIES...

I CAN'T BLAME YOU, BONES... AN
ENTIRE COLONY, WIPE OUT BY
AN UNKNOWN EPIDEMIO
... IT'S A NIGHTMARE.

MY HAND...

... I'VE
CUT MY
HAND...

GERRY
CONNY
and
DICK
KULDA

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I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU IMMEDIATELY WHEN I BECAME INFECTED, JIM... BUT THE TRUTH IS, I COULDN'T BELIEVE I'D DONE ANYTHING SO STUPID.



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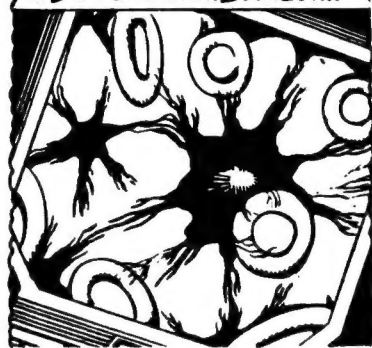
"WHEN WE RETURNED TO THE ENTERPRISE, I TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF NOTHING WAS WRONG..."

IT'S JUST A SMALL CUT, THAT'S ALL...



GERRY CONWAY
and
DICK KULSH

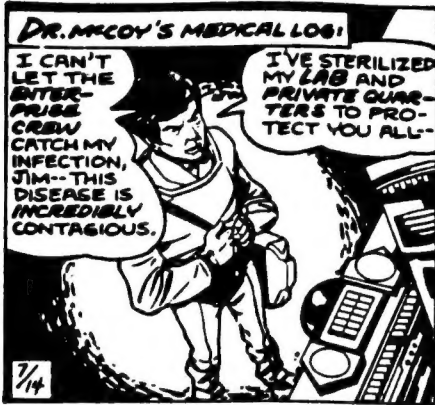
"...BUT I KNEW...I KNEW..."



DR. MCCOY'S MEDICAL LOG!

I CAN'T LET THE ENTERPRISE CREW CATCH MY INFECTION, JIM-- THIS DISEASE IS INCREDIBLY CONTAGIOUS.

I'VE STERILIZED MY LAB AND PRIVATE QUARTERS TO PROTECT YOU ALL--



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--AND NOW I'M GOING TO LEAVE THE ENTERPRISE.

I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO BORROW ONE OF YOUR SHUTTLES, JIM. SORRY.



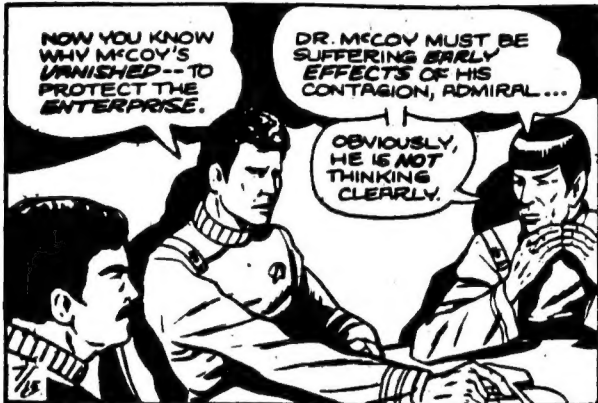
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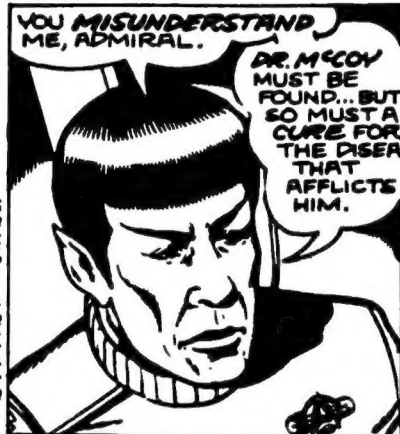
SORRY... ABOUT THAT... ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS.

MCCOY--TERMINATING.



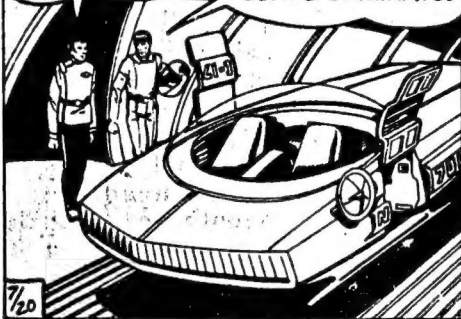
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THEN, YOU'RE
CERTAIN THIS
VIRUS IS VULCAN
IN ORIGIN?

NOT IN ORIGIN,
ADMIRAL... I HAVE
NO IDEA ON WHAT
WORLD THIS DI-
SEASE ORIGINATED.



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I AM QUITE CERTAIN, HOW-
EVER, THAT IT IS THE SAME
KILLING VIRUS THAT STRUCK
VULCAN SOME TWO HUNDRED
YEARS AGO, AND ALMOST
WIPE OUT MY RACE.



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AND YOU THINK
YOU CAN FIND
A CURE FOR
MCCOY... ON
VULCAN?

THAT REMAINS
TO BE SEEN, AD-
MIRAL. PERMIS-
SION TO DEBARK?



GRANTED.

ADMIRAL'S LOG, STARDATE 9632.1:
"CAPTAIN SPOCK HAS DEPARTED
THE ENTERPRISE TO SEEK A CURE
OF MCCOY'S ILLNESS ON THE PLANET
VULCAN..."



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KIRK TO BRIDGE--ANY
SIGN OF MCCOY'S SHUT-
TLE ON OUR SENSORS?



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I'M SORRY,
ADMIRAL...
SO FAR...
NOTHING.



ADMIRAL'S LOG,
STARDATE
4633.2 "STILL NO
SIGN OF DR. Mc-
COY'S SHUTTLE..."

WE HAVE
TO THINK
LIKE BONES
WOULD...

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HE'S SICK...NOT QUITE
RATIONAL. HE WANTS TO
PROTECT THE ENTER-
PRISE... AND ASSUMEDLY,
OTHER LIFEFORMS
AS WELL.

WHERE WOULD
HE GO?

I'VE
GOT
IT!

GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULPA

SCIENCE LOG
STARDATE 4633.3: "I SAW NO
NEED TO WORRY ADMIRAL KIRK
WITH ANY ADDITIONAL CONCERNS
BEFORE MY DEPARTURE
FROM THE
ENTERPRISE..."

GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULPA

...SO I HAVE NEGLECTED TO
INFORM HIM THAT THERE IS
SOME SMALL DANGER IN-
VOLVED IN ATTAIN-
ING THE CURE FOR
MCCOY'S CONTAGION.

IN ANY CASE, THE PROBA-
BILITY THAT I MIGHT DIE IN
THE ATTEMPT IS ONLY .57808.

AN
ACCEPTABLE
RISK. SNAP
OUT.

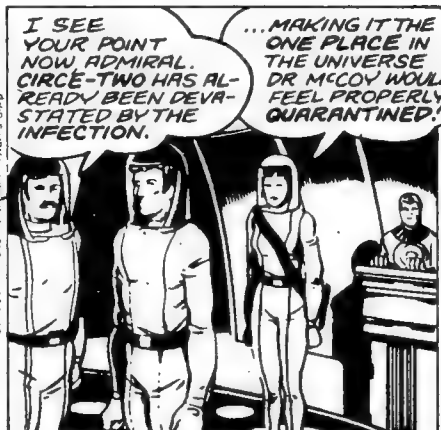
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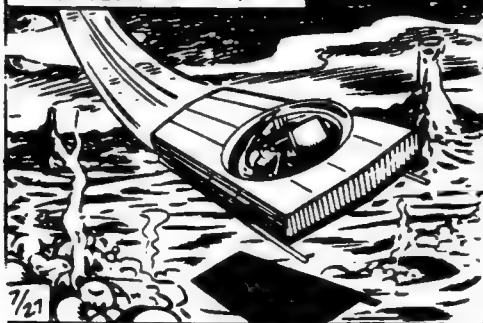
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SCIENCE LOG, STARDATE 9635.2:
"I HAVE ARRIVED ON VULCAN, IN
DESOLATE OUT-REGION KNOWN
AS KENDHA-VA--"



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"--THE DEAD OCEAN." IT
WAS HERE, TWO CENTURIES
AGO, THAT THE RED PLAGUE
KILLED MORE THAN A MIL-
LION OF MY PEOPLE-- AND
MAY TODAY KILL DR. MCCOY!



ONLY ONE THING SAVED US...
THE HEALING NECTAR OF A
FLOWERING VEGETATION
KNOWN AS SHIN-KA-TI.



THE QUES-
TION IS...
AFTER 200
YEARS, DO ANY
OF THESE FLOW-
ERS YET REMAIN?

GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULBRA

I MUST BE
CAREFUL TO
PRESERVE
ITS ROOTS.

SHIN-KA-TI...
THE "FLOWER
OF MERCY"...
THE ONE
CURE FOR
MCCOY'S
INFECTION.



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RRRARR!

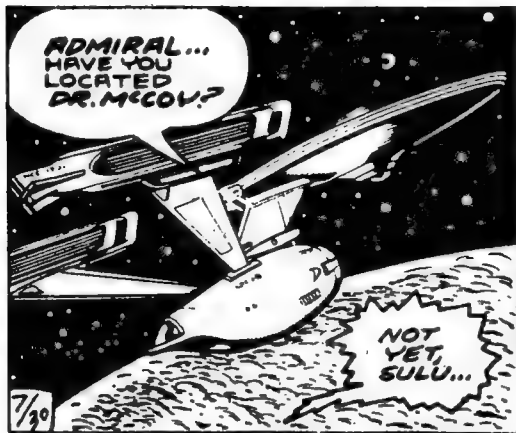
GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULBRA



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KULPRA

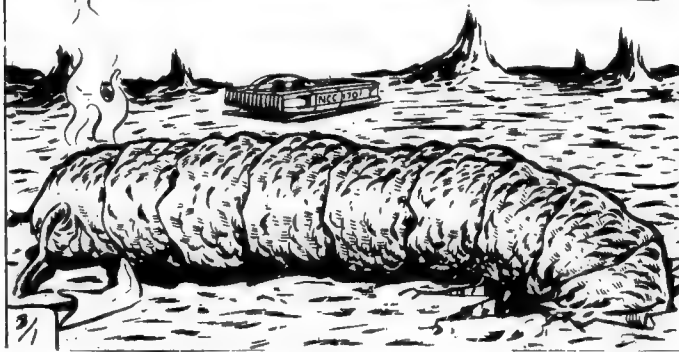


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DICK
KULPRA

KENDHA - YA, "THE DEAD OCEAN," ON THE PLANET
VULCAN...



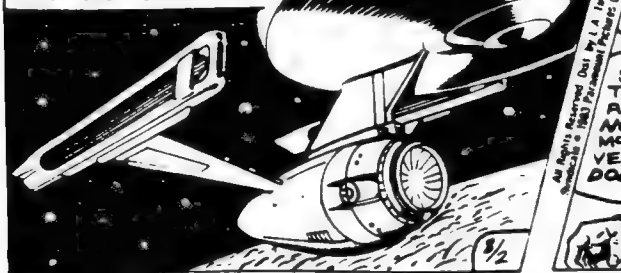
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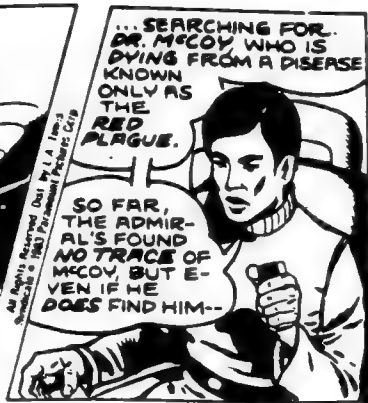
CAPTAIN'S LOG, STAR-
DATE 9636.3:
"COMMANDER SULU RE-
PORTING FOR ADMIRAL
KIRK; THE ADMIRAL
HAS SPENT SEVERAL
HOURS ON CIRCE-TWO..."



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...SEARCHING FOR
DR. MCCOY WHO IS
DYING FROM A DISEASE
KNOWN
ONLY AS
THE
RED
PLAGUE.

SO FAR,
THE ADMIRAL'S
FOUND
NO TRACE OF
MCCOY, BUT E-
VEN IF HE
DOES FIND HIM--

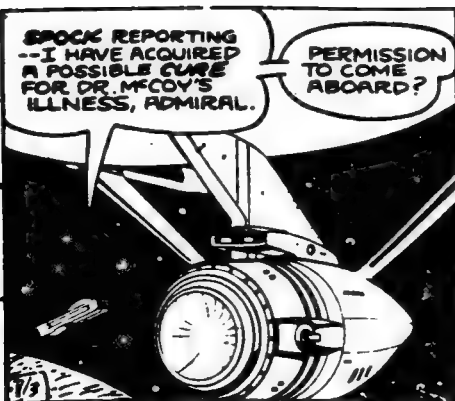


CONWAY/KULPA



--THERE'S
LITTLE
WE CAN--

COMMANDER
SULU-- SHUTTLE
APPROACHING
FROM OUT-SYSTEM!



**SPOCK REPORTING
--I HAVE ACQUIRED
A POSSIBLE CURE
FOR DR. MCCOY'S
ILLNESS, ADMIRAL.**

**PERMISSION
TO COME
ABOARD?**

CONWAY/KOZLOFF



**ADMIRAL KIRK
ISN'T HERE,
SPOCK.**

**HE'S DOWN ON
THE PLANET,
SEARCHING FOR
DR. MCCOY.**

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**IN THAT CASE,
COMMANDER
SULU, PERMISSION
FOR SURFACE
LANDING?**

PERMISSION GRANTED!



**IT'S
SPOCK!**

**I CANNOT HELP
BUT PRAY HE'S
FOUND A CURE
FOR WHAT AILS
DR. MCCOY,
ADMIRAL!**

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SPOCK...?

**I HAVE ALREADY
PREPARED AN EX-
TRACT OF THE
SHIN-KA-TI FLOWER
ADMIRAL. IF DR. CHA-
BEL WILL ADMINISTER IT
IN THE PROPER DO-
SAGE TO DR. MCCOY.**



**THERE'S A
HITCH, SPOCK.
WE HAVE
FOUND MCCOY--**

**BUT WE
CAN'T
REACH
HIM.**

CONWAY/KOZLOFF





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**CAPTAIN'S LOG,
STARDATE 9637.02:
"IN THE SICKBAY
ABOARD THE U.S.S.
ENTERPRISE..."**

YOU'RE A PAIR
OF **HEROIC**
FOOLS--
YOU KNOW
THAT.

MCCOY, WHY
DIDN'T YOU
STAY ABOARD
THE **ENTERPRISE**--
LET US **HELP** YOU
FIGHT YOUR IN-
FECTION?

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I WASN'T THINKING
**CLEARLY, JIM. THE RED
PLAGUE AFFECTS THE
BRAIN FIRST...INSTILLS
A KIND OF PARANOIA.**

I'M JUST
GLAD I HAD
FRIENDS
TO **HELP**
ME--EVEN
IF I DIDN'T
WANT
THEIR
HELP !
AT THE
TIME.

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AND YOU, SPOCK--
YOU COULD HAVE
DIED EXPOSING
YOURSELF TO MC-
COY'S CONTAGION.

A **CALCULATED**
RISK, ADMIRAL. I
ASSURE YOU, **HEROISM**
HAD **NOTHING** TO
DO WITH IT.

GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULPA

WHAT DO YOU **MEAN**, **HEROISM**
HAD **NOTHING** TO DO WITH IT?
YOU **RISKED** YOUR LIFE
TO **SAVE** MINE,
SPOCK!

YOU ARE A
VALUABLE
OFFICER, DR.
MCCOY.

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GERRY
CONWAY
and
DICK
KULPA

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I **MERELY** ACTED TO
PROTECT STARFLEET'S
INVESTMENT.
SURELY YOU
DON'T SEEK
TO IMPLY
ANY
PERSONAL
MOTIVE...

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA

**MONDAY: THE RETIREMENT
OF ADMIRAL KIRK!**